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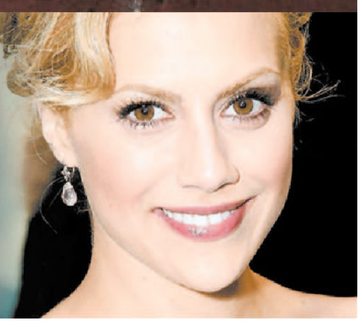

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'09? Oh my!

Movers and shakers pick the top 10 stories of the year

Associated Press

The convoluted American economy—restoring windfalls to a lucky few while leaving millions jobless and distraught—was the top news story of 2009, followed closely by the inauguration of President Obama, according to U.S. editors and news directors voting in The Associated Press' annual poll.

Here are 2009's top 10 stories as voted by the editors and news directors:

The economy

1 Despite a $787 billion federal stimulus package, much of the U.S. economy continued to sputter throughout the year. The jobless rate topped 10 percent, scores of banks failed, the federal deficit tripled to a record $1.4 trillion and stocks fell to their lowest levels since 1997 before rallying.

Obama inauguration

2 Inauguration Day was a moving moment for many Americans, as the nation's first black president took the oath of office.

Health care

3 A sweeping overhaul of the U.S. health care system, extending coverage to millions of Americans now without it, was a top priority for Obama and majority Democrats in Congress.

The auto industry

4 It was an immensely challenging year for America's Big Three automakers. General Motors and Chrysler filed for bankruptcy, GM's CEO Rick Wagoner was ousted by the government, and Chrysler was pressured into an alliance with Italy's Fiat. Ford avoided bankruptcy.

Swine flu

5 Swine flu struck tens of millions of people worldwide, worrying governments as supplies of vaccine failed to meet demand. In the United States, according to federal authorities, swine flu sickened an estimated 50 million people, hospitalized close to 200,000 and killed 10,000.

Afghanistan

6 Casualties on all sides mounted as U.S. forces, with their Afghan and NATO allies, battled the resilient Taliban. President Obama, after lengthy deliberations, opted to send 30,000 more troops.

Michael Jackson dies

7 The "King of Pop" died at the age of 50, triggering grief and nostalgia among his legions of fans around the world. **AP FILE PHOTO**

Fort Hood rampage

8 An Army psychiatrist, Maj. Nidal Hasan, was accused of killing 13 people at Fort Hood, a sprawling military base in Texas, before being seriously wounded by police gunfire.

Edward Kennedy dies

9 Sen. Edward Kennedy, who carried on the family legacy after the deaths of his three older brothers, died of brain cancer after a distinctive political career filled with highs and lows.

Hudson miracle

10 A US Airways passenger jet, both its engines disabled, made an emergency ditching in the Hudson River, and all 155 on board survived in what was dubbed "The Miracle on the Hudson." **REUTERS FILE PHOTO**

Murphy
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Brittany Murphy dies at 32

Associated Press

Brittany Murphy, who got her start in the sleeper hit "Clueless" and rose to stardom in "8 Mile" before her movie roles declined in recent years, died Sunday in Los Angeles from what appeared to be natural causes, a Los Angeles County coroner's official said. She was 32.

Murphy was pronounced dead at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Sally Stewart said. Murphy was transported to the hospital after the Los Angeles Fire Department responded to a call at 8 a.m. at the home she shared with her husband, British screenwriter Simon Monjack, in the Hollywood Hills.

Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said Murphy apparently collapsed in the bathroom, and authorities were looking into her medical history.

An official cause of death may not be determined for some time, because toxicology tests will be required, but "it appears to be natural," Winter said. He said an autopsy was planned for Monday or Tuesday.

Winter said Murphy's family was cooperating with the coroner's investigation. Los Angeles police have opened an investigation into Murphy's death, Officer Norma Eisenman said.

Neighbor Clare Staples said she saw firefighters working to resuscitate the actress Sunday morning. She said Murphy was on a stretcher and "looked as though she was dead at the scene." Murphy's husband, wearing pajama bottoms, appeared "dazed" as firefighters tried to save her, Staples said.

Murphy's publicist, Nicole Perna, said in a statement: "In this time of sadness, the family thanks you for your love and support. It is their wish that you respect their privacy."

Murphy's career started in the early 1990s with small roles in television series, commercials and movies. She is best known for parts in "Girl, Interrupted," "Clueless" and "8 Mile."

Her on-screen work had lessened of late, but Murphy's voice was behind numerous animated characters, including Luanne Platter on more than 200 episodes of Fox's "King of the Hill" and Gloria the penguin in the 2006 feature "Happy Feet."

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These rich folks know how to live

Billionaire playboy and Virgin mogul Richard Branson recently unveiled his pet project, the White Knight Two. This is the launch ship for his planned commercial spaceliner, so the average Joe can take a trip to space.

For the high-profile unveiling, Branson flew 150 journalists out to the Mojave Desert on a Virgin airplane branded with the slogan, "My other ride's a spaceship," according to multiple news sources.

All this brings up a very good point, which is that there are certain people—Branson included—who are in the 99th percentile of human beings who are simply great at being rich.

Don't get me wrong: Rich people are, for the most part, completely insufferable. However, there are a few who are just fantastic at blowing large wads of money on fascinating endeavors.

Take my roommate Erik, for instance. He is not rich by any stretch of the imagination (in fact, I think he still owes me money from August's rent), but I really wish he was. My friends and I all agree that Erik, given enough disposable income, would bankroll an endless number of bizarre, go-for-broke projects that just might lead to jumping around on clouds on pogo sticks.

As a an inquisitive journalist, I interviewed Erik for this piece (by which I mean, we were drinking beer and Richard Branson wasn't returning my calls) and asked him what he would do if he were obscenely rich.

"That's easy," he said. "I'd go around the world and kidnap a bunch of Nobel-winning scientists. Then I'd chain them in our basement and tell them to come up with the most fun thing in the world."

"Oh, that's awesome," said our friend Brian, who also was drinking beer and participating in this high-brow discussion. "Like a pogo stick that worked on clouds."

"Yes," said Erik. "We could jump around on clouds on pogo sticks."

I quickly pointed out to Erik that if the smartest scientists in the world were chained in our basement with unlimited resources, they would probably just invent the "most surest way to escape being chained in a crappy Lakeview basement in the world."

Erik scoffed at this. "That's why I'd hire mercenaries to point guns at them."

This is precisely why we should distribute wealth not through silly economic systems like capitalism or communism, but by figuring out who is in the 99th percentile of having weird, badass ideas and simply handing them an endless supply of money.

My point is that I could never have thought of any of this on my own.

Give me multiple billions of dollars and I might buy new socks and a brand of shampoo that doesn't make my scalp bleed.

I'd make a very boring rich person. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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Man killed on South Side

A 20-year-old man was shot to death Saturday night on the Far South Side, authorities said.

The man, identified by the Cook County medical examiner's office as Terrell Brown, was declared dead at 8:02 p.m. Saturday at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn. Brown was attacked and shot about 7 p.m. in the 9300 block of South May Street, said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer JoAnn Taylor. He was shot in the back, chest and one of his legs, according to police.

15-year-old girl missing

Police are asking for help finding a 15-year-old South Side girl who has not been seen by her family since she left for her charter high school Friday. Brianna "Bri-Bri" Lacey, who lives near 80th Street and South Eberhart Avenue, left for school Friday morning and has not been seen by her family since, according to a police alert. She had been headed to Chicago International Charter School's Longwood Academy Campus, 1309 W. 95th St., police said.

Man held in mother's slaying dies

A Dolton man facing murder charges in the slaying of his mother this spring has died after developing a fever of 106 degrees at Cook County Jail and being rushed to a local hospital, authorities said.

Thomas J. Beals, 25, became ill in the jail and was declared dead at 5:14 p.m. Saturday at Mount Sinai Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Following an autopsy Sunday, the Cook County medical examiner's office did not reach a conclusion about Beals' cause and manner of death, indicating its ruling was pending further investigation.

Beals was being held in lieu of $5 million bail in the March slaying of Deborah Beals, 54, in the home the two shared in Dolton, court records show. At the time of his arrest, police said Beals had a history of mental illness.

16 inches of snowfall fell over the weekend at Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., causing delays at O'Hare and Midway. AP

CLEAR FOR TAKEOFF

O'Hare, Midway back to normal after nasty weather stalls flights across country

Chicago Tribune

O'Hare and Midway were seeing largely normal operations Sunday after a day of delays Saturday due to a punishing snowstorm hitting the East Coast.

O'Hare was operating as normal Sunday morning, and airlines at Midway were seeing minor cancellations, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. On Saturday, dozens of flights at both airports were canceled and both airports experienced delays.

Chicago was set to see about an inch of snow accumulation Sunday. But the East Coast storm triggered blizzard warnings in New England states after dropping 16 inches at Reagan National Airport in Washington D.C. and causing the cancellation of about 800 flights in New York City.

The slow-moving storm blanketed swaths of the mid-Atlantic with nearly 2 feet of snow and reached southern New England in a weekend assault along the East Coast that caused at least five deaths, crippled travel and left empty stores normally crammed with holiday shoppers.

Blizzard warnings were in effect for parts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts with gusts up to 60 mph. As much as 16 inches of snow was expected to cover parts of southern New England.

But the early arrival of wintry weather on a quiet Sunday morning could not have been better timing, said Peter Judge, spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

"Other than spoiling the Christmas shopping—from the emergency manager perspective it was the perfect timing," Judge said. "Even the cleanup today, we're not fighting the people who would be trying to get to work."

Even the NFL, with its hallowed tradition of playing in all weather conditions, including football fields nicknamed "frozen tundras," pushed back the scheduled start times of games Sunday in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Overheard on Metra ...

Metra's onboard newsletter, On the Bi-Level, gives passengers an opportunity to sound off on what bugs them about their commute.

This month, the newsletter gave them an opportunity to repeat some of the annoying but amusing conversations they've overheard.

One rider offered the story of an old guy and the bananas: On my train in the morning, there is an elderly gentleman who gets a morning call from, I assume, his wife.

One morning it was 10 minutes of who ate the last banana. He's telling her he didn't eat it and where she might find the banana. It was back and forth—he must have said it 20 times: "I did not eat the last banana."

She never did find the banana that he supposedly didn't eat.

And there was this "get a room" moment: This was not on a cell phone, but two passengers sitting in front of me, drinking, and not realizing how loud they were talking:

Man: "I love my wife and kids, but I've always thought you were the one for me."

Woman: "No doubt. Let's ditch our families tonight and get a room at the Starwood."

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Health compromise

1 It was the concern of Nebraska's Republican governor over expanded Medicaid costs in the proposed Senate health care overhaul bill that led to a compromise to cover his state's estimated $45 million share over a decade, U.S. Sen. Ben Nelson (above) said Sunday.

Phone-cancer link?

2 Maine Democratic Rep. Andrea Boland wants to make the state the first to require cell phones to carry warnings that they can cause brain cancer. There is no consensus among scientists that they do.

Detainees transferred

3 The U.S. has transferred a dozen Guantanamo detainees to Afghanistan, Yemen and the Somaliland region as the Obama administration continues to move captives out of the Cuban facility in preparation for its closure.

McCain OK with visor

4 Sen. John McCain says he understands why Sarah Palin blacked out his name on a McCain campaign visor so she could avoid recognition while on vacation in Hawaii.

Train still down

5 The only passenger rail link between Britain and the rest of Europe has been shut down indefinitely, Eurostar said Sunday, promising more travel misery for thousands of stranded passengers just before Christmas.

Oil deal

6 Iraq has initialed a deal with a consortium led by European giant Royal Dutch Shell PLC and Malaysia's state-run Petronas to develop one of Iraq's most prized oil fields.

THE DIGIT

22 million

The holiday shipping rush is expected to peak Monday for UPS, when the world's largest shipping carrier projects it will deliver about 22 million small packages. For the entire holiday season, UPS plans to deliver roughly 400 million packages worldwide, up slightly from the 2008 holiday season.

Dutch teen sailor found days after running away

7 **THE HAGUE, Netherlands** Police tracked down 14-year-old Dutch sailor Laura Dekker in the Caribbean territory of St. Maarten, days after she ran away from home leaving her boat behind, Dutch media reported late Sunday.

Dekker made headlines around the world earlier this year when she unsuccessfully went to court at 13 to fight for the right to set off on a solo circumnavigation of the world in her boat, Guppy.

Dutch broadcaster NOS and newspaper De Volkskrant reported that St. Maarten police tracked down Dekker on Sunday after news of her disappearance broke, and she was expected to be flown home soon. They cited police on St. Maarten and the Dutch Child Protection Agency.

Police and the Child Protection Agency in the Netherlands could not immediately be reached for comment late Sunday.

St. Maarten police spokesman Ricardo Henson could not confirm the reports, saying, "I have no information whatsoever on it."

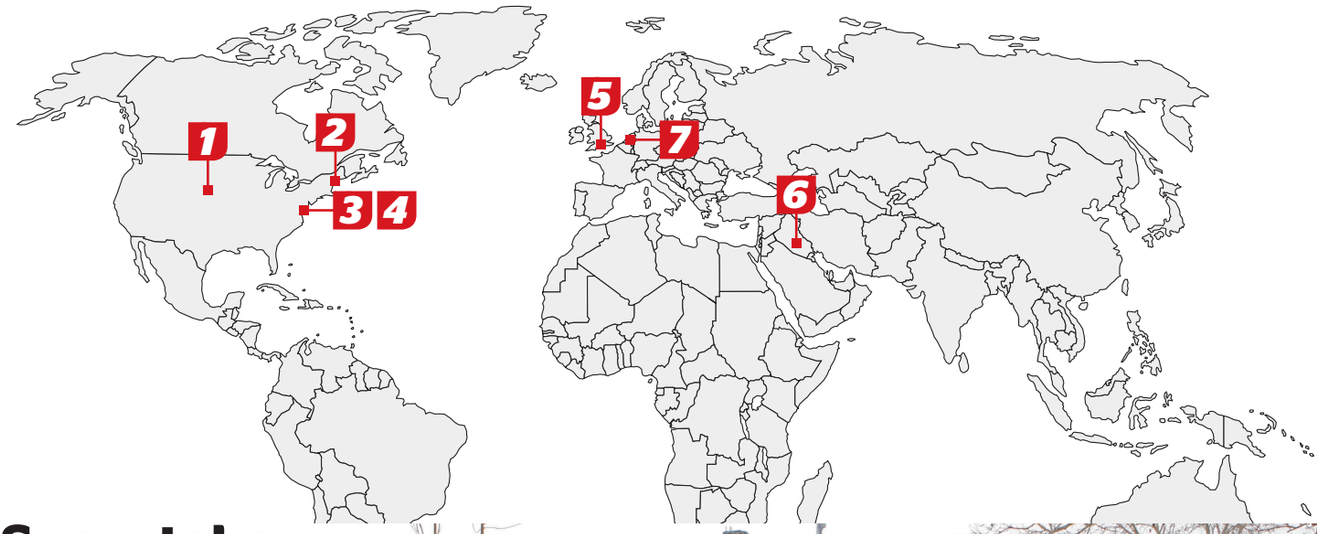
Earlier Sunday, Utrecht police spokesman Bernhard Jens said Dutch authorities issued an international alert after Dekker was reported missing Friday.

Jens said Dekker's boat, Guppy, was still moored at its usual berth.

"We do not believe this is a crime," Jens said.

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

St. Maarten is part of the Netherlands Antilles, a group of self-governing Caribbean islands that are part of the Dutch kingdom.



Snow takes a messy toll on East Coast

The Northeastern U.S. was digging out Sunday after a major storm dumped up to 2 feet of snow in some areas, disrupting travel and hurting sales for retailers in one of their most important weekends of the year.

Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Baltimore and parts of New York state were hardest hit.

Most cities along the Eastern seaboard were returning to normal by Sunday afternoon. Airports were open and delays and cancellations, while still frequent, were moderating.

Many stores closed Saturday as the storm worsened and streets became impassable.

A skier makes his way down a Brooklyn street Sunday after a winter storm dumped several inches of snow on the area. Other parts of the East Coast saw up to 2 feet of snow. AP PHOTO

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Merry Christmas, Bears fans.

Your favorite football team got you two very different gifts Sunday.

First, of course, was a big, ugly loss.

It's like that wretched sweater your aunt gives you because she thinks you really like turtlenecks. Not that I'm bitter.

Again, Jay Cutler, what is going on? I can't figure out if he really is that bad or has thrown in the towel and is biding his time until next season.

Speaking of next season, general manager Jerry Angelo unwrapped Sunday's second gift. He told reporters before the game that money wouldn't be a factor in the future of coach Lovie Smith. He also said the Bears need a win before the end of the season.

So, there you go. The Bears would buy out Lovie. And Angelo wants to see a win. Considering we play Minnesota and at Detroit, where the Lions almost knocked off Arizona on Sunday, it looks good for us.

For the next two weeks, rooting against the Bears is OK. But just this one time.

Now, who's going to tell Jerry he should hit the road too? REDEYESPORTS@TRIBUNE.COM

BALTIMORE 31, BEARS 7

PICKED APART

RAVENS INTERCEPT THREE CUTLER PASSES IN ROUT

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Minnesota	11	3	.786
Green Bay	9	5	.643
BEARS	5	9	.357
Detroit	2	12	.143

Associated Press

BALTIMORE The Baltimore Ravens aren't quite yet a playoff team. The Bears definitely are not.

Joe Flacco threw a career-high four touchdown passes, and the Ravens capitalized on six Bears turnovers in a 31-7 rout Sunday.

Baltimore (8-6) led 14-0 after 13 minutes and 31-7 after three quarters. The victory solidified the Ravens' hold on the sixth and final playoff spot in the AFC and improved their record against teams currently with losing records to 6-0.

"The game looked like one team was playing for something and the other one really wasn't," Bears coach Lovie Smith said.

Jay Cutler threw three interceptions, upping his NFL-high total to 25, and backup Caleb Hanie also was picked off. In addition, the Bears (5-9) lost two fumbles.

Baltimore scored 24 points off turnovers

"That's what great teams do," said Ravens cornerback Domonique Foxworth, who had two interceptions. "Good teams get turnovers. Great teams convert them."

The Bears' only score came on a 49-yard punt return by Earl Bennett.

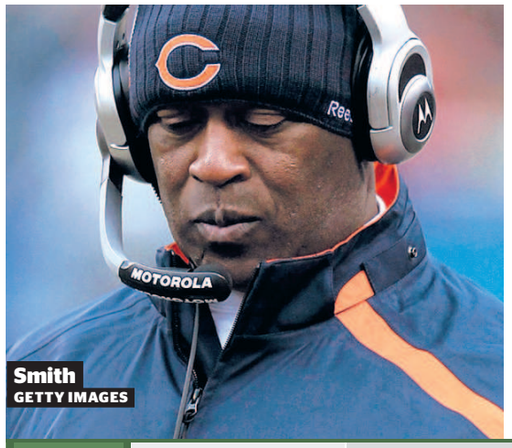
Cutler went 10 for 27 for 94 yards. The Bears have lost six of seven overall and five straight on the road.

"You get some breaks, you don't get some breaks. It seems like we haven't got a lot of breaks," Cutler said. "A lot of that falls on myself and the rest of the offense as well. There's a lot of character and a lot of pride in that room. Today, obviously, didn't reflect that."

Ravens' Derrick Mason dives into the end zone. BALTIMORE EXAMINER

Cutler completed a 30-yard pass to Bennett on the game's first play from scrimmage. But the drive ended with an interception by Foxworth at the Baltimore 46, and the Ravens cashed in with a 14-yard touchdown pass from Flacco to tight end Todd Heap.

And then it happened again: The Bears moved to the Baltimore 14, Jarret Johnson picked off a short pass intended for fullback Jason McKie, and Flacco ended an 81-yard drive with a 7-yard TD pass to Heap.



Smith GETTY IMAGES

GM: No decision on Smith's return

Associated Press

BALTIMORE Bears general manager Jerry Angelo on Sunday said the fate of coach Lovie Smith has not yet been decided.

Before the game against the Ravens, Angelo shot down a report from Comcast SportsNet/Chicago on Friday that cited unnamed sources saying Smith would return for the next to last year of his contract in 2010.

"At the end of the year, we sit down, we talk," Angelo said.

After the Bears' 31-7 loss to Baltimore, Smith said he didn't expect any resolution to his contractual situation during the regular season.

"What's a vote of confidence at this time? ... You don't talk about things like that during the year," Smith said. "[We're] disappointed in our play, disappointed in our record. I'm the head football coach, so I'm sure a lot of people aren't knocking down the door wanting to pat me on the back."

The Bears owe Smith $11 million for the next two seasons. Angelo said the remainder of Smith's contract will have no impact on decisions the team makes.

"It's not about money, it's about doing what we feel we need to do to be a better football team," Angelo said.

Angelo said winning and playing well in the final games will be important in the decision process.

"We need to get a win; that's very important right now," he said.

SUNDAY SCORES																				
MIAMI	24	**HOUSTON**	**16**	**ATLANTA**	**10**	**CLEVELAND**	**41**	**ARIZONA**	**31**	**NEW ENGLAND**	**17**	CINCINNATI	24	**OAKLAND**	**20**
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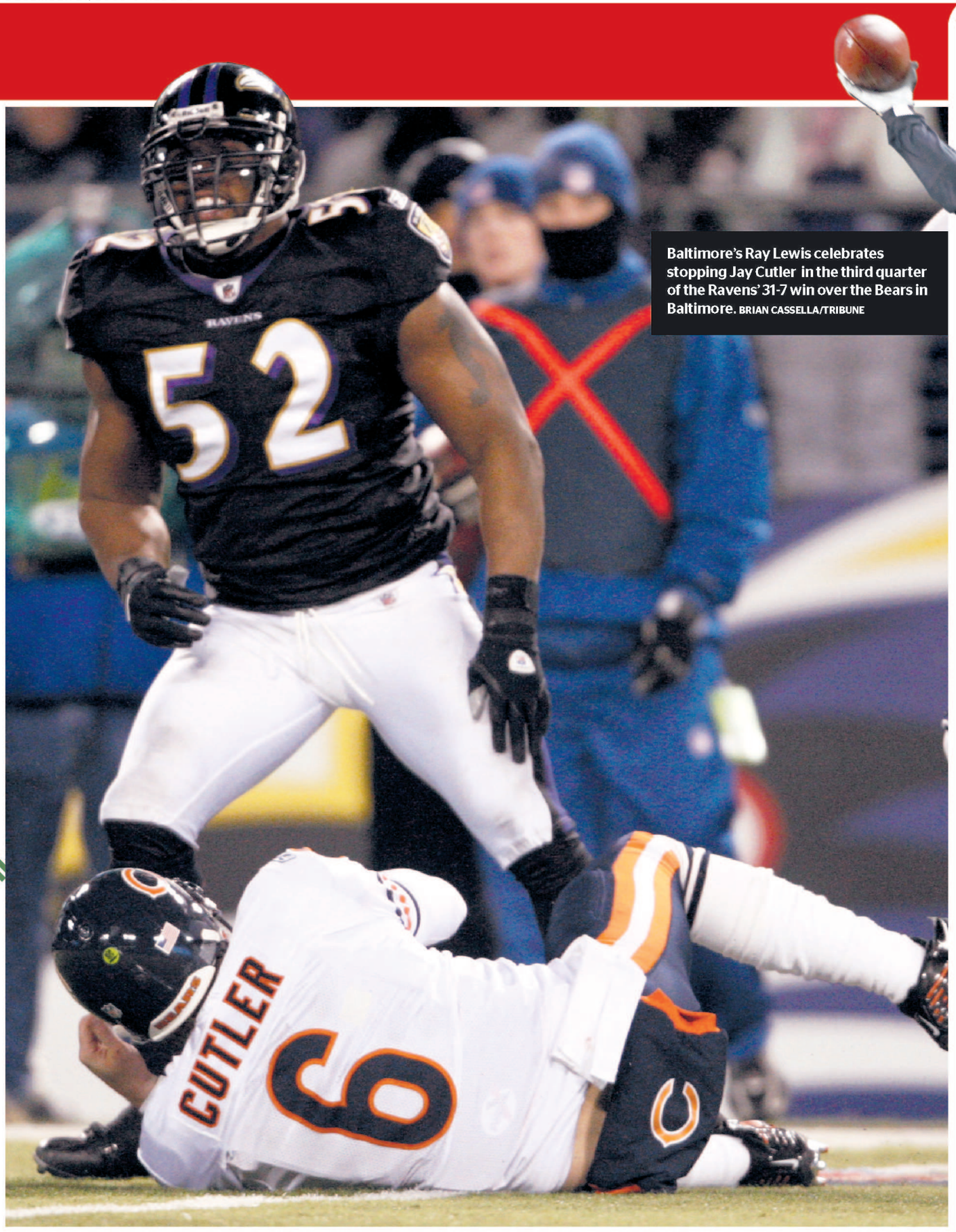

Baltimore's Ray Lewis celebrates stopping Jay Cutler in the third quarter of the Ravens' 31-7 win over the Bears in Baltimore. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE

TAMPA BAY	**24**	GREEN BAY	36	SAN FRANCISCO	13	MINNESOTA	7
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Roethlisberger AP

Big, Big Ben

It was like last year's Super Bowl all over again. With Pittsburgh trailing and time running out, Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger found Mike Wallace on the left side of the end zone with no time on the clock to tie the game with Green Bay. The extra point gave them the win. Oh, yeah, Big Ben threw for 503 yards and three TDs.

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STUD OF THE WEEK

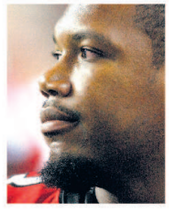
Jerome Harrison

The Chiefs' D stinks, but Harrison gives the Browns hope for the future at running back. He rushed for almost 300 yards and scored three times. Can you say stud?

DUD OF THE WEEK

Cedric Benson

This should sound familiar to Bears fans. Ced rushed for just 53 yards in a huge game for the Bengals that turned into a huge loss.



THUD OF THE WEEK

Michael Turner

The Burner could only last one carry before re-injuring his ankle. Looks like the loss didn't burn the Falcons in the end, though, as they got a crucial road win.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

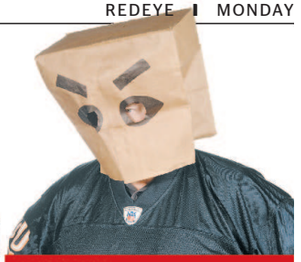
Washington vs. N.Y. Giants

7:30 p.m. ESPN

Giants need this game. "Monday Night Football," not so much.

Nicked up

These guys like to pick on the Bears, but it's not like these five are big winners either. Follow along at **redeyechicago.com/5on5.**



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1 Time to give these 2009 Bears a nickname. Ready, set, go.	Lovie GagGag.	The Intercepticons, now with built-in self-destruct buttons.	Incompetent Basterds.	Trump's Bunch. YOU'RE FIRED!	The Milton Bradleys.
2 If the Bears were a Christmas gift, what would they be?	The uncomfortable underwear from your mom. You need them, but don't really like them.	The gym membership: Great idea at the time, now insulting and kind of smelly.	One of those counterfeit items from China. They look like a real NFL team but aren't.	A Slinky. You thought they'd be fun, but they sucked, and you were bored with them after a day.	A lump of coal. I would've said a lump of something else, but RedEye wouldn't let me.
3 Sunday was the fantasy football playoffs. How'd you do?	2-0. Thank you very much.	About as well as that new Hugh Grant movie.	Let's just say I've got another F word to go along with FF.	My fantasy payoff? That my dating life was as successful as Tiger's.	Don't do it. I can only handle so much football disappointment in my crappy life.
4 What will the return of Tyrus Thomas mean to the Bulls?	About 2 percent less suckage.	That the re-gifting of Tyrus Thomas jerseys will seem slightly less condescending.	Shakespeare said it best: "[It's] full of sound and fury, yet signifying nothing."	Another player to help Vinny play "keep away from D-Rose" at the end of the game.	Vinny's coaching tenure is extended by a few months. Excuse me while I remove my bag and puke in it.
5 How will you commemorate the end of the Milton Bradley era in Chicago?	By anointing Jay Cutler the next "bust" of 2009. That's right, I said it.	With my first "... And the Horse You Rode In On" party. Best not to tell my landlord.	By trading my HD-DVD player for an old Nintendo GameCube.	No Milton AND Wrigley has a skating rink? Print up those World Series tickets!	I put Jim Hendry back on my Christmas card list. Hope that doesn't violate the order of protection.

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The Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews roughs up Justin Abdelkader of the Red Wings on Sunday in the third period of the Hawks' 3-0 win at the United Center. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

BLACKHAWKS 3, DETROIT 0

Hawks blank Detroit

Cristobal Huet made 20 saves for his second straight shutout, and Duncan Keith had a goal and an assist to lead the Blackhawks to their fourth victory in a row, 3-0 over the Detroit Red Wings on Sunday night.

Brian Campbell and Dustin Byfuglien also scored to help the Blackhawks move back into first place in the Central Division. Detroit, shut out for the fourth time in its past 15 games, has lost two straight.

Huet, also a 3-0 winner over St. Louis on Wednesday night, had to make only a handful of tough saves against the injury-depleted Red Wings en route to his third shutout this season, 23rd overall and first against Detroit.

On Detroit's two best chances, Huet made a glove save on Ville Leino late in the first period, and a pad save on Brad Stuart midway through the second.

Detroit's Chris Osgood stopped 32 shots.

The Blackhawks dominated most of the first period and led 1-0 after 20 minutes on Keith's power-play goal at 7:58. Keith's quick wrist shot from the left point fooled Osgood and sailed past him on the glove side.

Campbell and Byfuglien scored in a 3:22 span late in the second period.

Campbell scored with 3:55 left in the second. He pinched to the left circle, took Patrick Sharp's feed and fired a shot that struck Osgood on the stick side and continued into the net.

Byfuglien's 40-foot shot from the slot slid under Osgood's outstretched right pad with 33 second left in the period.

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I'm a little sad Milton Bradley is gone. He accounted for 75 percent of my baseball season jokes.
Here now, my TV picks.

NBA

Bulls vs. Sacramento

7 p.m. CSN

Sit down when you read this: Bulls can win their third straight. Crazy, I know.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

La Salle vs. Oklahoma St.

7:30 p.m. ESPN2

These teams last met in 1939. Last time I cared about them too.

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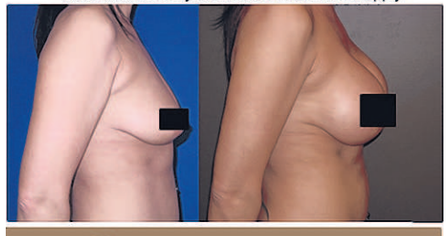

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"I really should be dead. I've escaped death so many times. Not drugs. Not guns. Just self-inflicted [expletive]."
—Former Bull Dennis Rodman to The Miami Herald

» Bulls starting power forward Tyrus Thomas played in a spirited rotating one-on-one game with Jannero Pargo, James Johnson and Aaron Gray on Sunday. It was Thomas' first contact work since fracturing the radius in his left forearm Nov. 6.

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» Stay tuned Dec. 30 for our interview with frontman **David Yow of the Jesus Lizard**, playing NYE at Metro. His craziest NYE? "It was probably in Austin, Texas, and it probably involved a lot of hallucinogens."

Girl Talk and Fiery Furnaces discuss past and future NYE craziness

By Matt Pais

If you haven't noticed, New Year's Eve has a way of getting, um, a little out of hand. Especially at a concert with fans aiming to end the year in wild, sweaty fashion.

We couldn't help but wonder what festive mayhem has occurred for bands that rock us into the New Year. So we polled two very different musicians, both performing Dec. 31 in Chicago: Girl Talk party starter Gregg Gillis, 28, who played NYE 2006 at the Empty Bottle; and Oak Park native and Fiery Furnaces multi-instrumentalist/vocalist Matt Friedberger, 37, who says he never goes out on NYE but his sister and bandmate Eleanor always does.

Girl Talk

PARTY LIKE A ROCK STAR

Girl Talk

9:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at Congress Theater, sold out

What is your craziest NYE experience?

Gregg Gillis: The last time I was in Chicago. That was the first time I ever played a show on New Year's Eve. I think everyone pre-gamed it a little too hard, because I remember that show was when my friends were kicked out of the venue. ... At the end of the night I lost track of everyone. I got stuck outside the Empty Bottle. It had to be zero degrees. One friend had a couple drinks, and he was like, "I'm cool to drive," but he didn't want to, because it was New Year's Eve and he was worried about being pulled over. And he was the only person capable of driving, and we were literally standing out in the cold dying. So he got in his car, but his car had an issue that his horn got stuck in. This is no joke. ... He was trying to lay low on New Year's Eve 'cause he had a couple drinks. But as he pulled up to pick us up, his horn was, like, constantly ringing.

What about your craziest New Year's when you weren't performing?

Gillis: Basically every New Year's I had in college [at Case Western in Cleveland]. My friends and I would road trip to New York City. It was just a fun thing to party crash, and end up on a roof or a bar or apartment. Maybe 2003. I ended up making out with a 50-year-old woman when the clock struck 12. That was a dark, dark moment for New Year's. ... I think [on] New Year's no rules apply. And I think that's the day I became a man. MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MUSIC AND MOVIES PRODUCER. MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM

Fiery Furnaces

10 p.m. Dec. 31 at Lincoln Hall, $20-$25

You don't usually go out on NYE. Why?

Matt Friedberger: I just can't handle all that competition to get a drink at the bar. My favorite bartender will be swamped on New Year's Eve and doesn't need my tip.

This is the first New Year's you and Eleanor are spending together in more than a decade. What may result from that?

Friedberger: The band will break up. I think it might be some mystical occasion, so I think it might be the last-ever show. When it strikes midnight, the instruments will turn into kitchen utensils and we'll have to finally open our Greek diner.

How honored are you to play the first NYE at Lincoln Hall?

Friedberger: Think of all the great movies that have played in the 3 Penny Theater. I think I saw "Casino" there. You know what we're going to do? We're going to reenact "The Blues Brothers" on stage. Complete with the car crash.

What are your plans for after the show?

Friedberger: Good question. We're going to all go—and we're going to encourage the audience to go—jump in the non-existent water at Buckingham Fountain. What else do you do on New Year's except jump in a fountain that isn't turned on? That sounds fun, doesn't it?

Fiery Furnaces

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By Rebecca Palmore
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Actor Julian Martinez portrays Comanche in the Web series "Comanche"
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DIGITAL BREAKTHROUGH

CHICAGO RESIDENTS MAKE A SPLASH WITH WEB SERIES

By Leonor Vivanco
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It started with the 'stache.

The mean-looking Cheech Marin mustache Julian Martinez grew for a play last year transformed him into a 1970s tough-talking cop who spouted wacky catchphrases.

That gruff cop became the central character for a spoof on cop shows co-created by Martinez, 26, called "Comanche," one of several Chicago-based shows popping up on the Web that some locals hope will showcase their talent.

"The movies come here and that's awesome. There's no recurring show. New York has all the 'Law & Orders.' L.A. has all the 'CSIs' and sitcoms," said Martinez, who lives in Ravenswood and works as a paid theater actor, market research facility host and valet driver. "We don't have anything, so we're trying to create that."

To be fair, shows including "ER," which wrapped up this year after 15 seasons on NBC, and TBS' "My Boys"—with three seasons under its belt—were and are set in Chicago and occasionally filmed on location, but mostly did their shooting elsewhere.

As more people increasingly turn to the Web for extended content entertainment, the idea of trying to make it big on a digital platform might not seem so crazy. But it is.

To become a viral sensation, creators of Web series face a mountain of challenges: They often film for no pay and on a shoestring budget, which for one local series was pegged at $200 per episode for food and props. Finding time to devote to a series after working at a day job that pays the bills is tough. And getting viewers to watch their episodes amid thousands of videos clamoring for attention can be challenging.

Then there's the hefty goal of catching the eyes of the right people so a network or studio funds the series or buys it. While tough, it's not impossible. The Syfy series "Sanctuary" started as a Web series, is in its second season and is signed on for another.

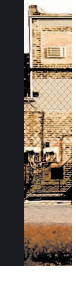
The growth of YouTube and streaming video over the past few years has opened the door to showcase creative work online, but there needs to be a sizable audience to turn the Web series into something marketable and profitable, said Marc Hustvedt, editor-in-chief of Tubefilter News, which charts episodic Web series.

"Not everybody is going to have these Web series that makes them incredibly wealthy, but the opportunity to is what's exciting," Hustvedt said. "You don't have to move to L.A. or New York to grind your way through the system anymore. You can be a talented filmmaker or writer or director in another location and really make something that gets you on the map."

Over the past two years, episodic Web series

WHERE TO WATCH
Check out these local Web series:
» "Comanche"—**comanchetheseries.com**
» "Funemployed"—**funemployedchicago.com**
» "Four Angry Men"—**fourangrymen.com**

SCENES FROM "COMANCHE"



Brothers united in pursuit of cartoon glory

They loved cartoons so much, they decided to make their own.

"Four Angry Men," created by brothers John, Andrew and William Maxwell, centers on a pirate, robot, skeleton and detective, their archenemy and their adventures.

They're striking while the market is hot for animated shows geared toward adults, said John Maxwell, 31, who lives in Lakeview. "There's still an impression that animation is for kids and I think there's a lot of us who were kids and watched tons of animation and now we're grown up and we haven't outgrown animation itself."

The brothers created the Web series with three episodes a few years ago as a hobby. They wrote scripts, recorded voices on a camcorder, drew storyboards and taught themselves how to use computer drawing and animation programs. They posted three episodes on YouTube. Though their friends watched the episodes, the series never found a wider audience.

Last year, the Maxwells resurrected the animated series and gave it a more polished look.

"Four Angry Men"

Andrew met Greg Hollimon of Comedy Central's series "Strangers with Candy" while working on a friend's movie and had based the character of the archenemy on Hollimon. Hollimon agreed to lend his voice to the 6 1/2-minute series teaser screened last month.

The Maxwell brothers used $12,000 of their savings to pay for trailer's costs, including a second animator and background artist to speed up the time-consuming animation process. They hope the teaser will be a stepping stone to getting a series produced.

With eight full half-hour scripts written, the focus now is to try to build up interest, find financial backers and get a foot in the door at Adult Swim, which airs adult-oriented animated shows such as "Family Guy" and "Robot Chicken" on cable.

"You're not only competing against really glossy stuff produced by Hollywood professionals let's say, but you're also competing against somebody's home video of their cute baby or animal or pets doing something silly," John Maxwell said. "What we have is what we think is a good idea and some fun characters and cool stories. Basically what we're trying to do is put together a show we would love to watch."

Still, there are moments of self doubt, for Maxwell, who sees his friends getting married and buying homes while he's making a cartoon.

"Sometimes at night when you're alone, you go, 'Am I really doing the right thing?' But then the next day you see the progress on the animation and go, 'Oh, yeah, this is worth it,' " he said.

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have become more popular, and the average time people watch online videos has expanded from 2.5 minutes to 3.7 minutes, Hustvedt said, citing data from comScore, an Internet marketing research company. When Tubefilter started covering online series two years ago, the site wrote about nearly every scripted one, he said. Now, they write about a tenth—if that—and are bombarded with at least five to 10 e-mails a day, alerting them to check out a series, Hustvedt said.

Until the series creators make it big, they call in big favors. Local creators such as Martinez rely on talented friends willing to help them for free and in their spare time by being part of the cast or crew. They also trade free advertising for shooting space at businesses, including Moody's Pub in Edgewater and Friar Tuck's in Lakeview, which have both opened their spaces to filming. In the meantime, they try to get exposure by creating Facebook fan pages, using Twitter and posting episodes on sites such as YouTube and **funnyordie.com**.

For "Comanche," Martinez tapped a screenwriter living in L.A. whom he met at Columbia College to write the script and sent him a box of crumpled notes and Post-its full of ideas for the series, which was partly inspired by the Beastie Boys' "Sabotage" video. He also asked a Screen Actors Guild stuntman to choreograph fight scenes but defer payment.

And local actors were interested in collaborating, said co-creator Lawrence Kern, 31, of Edgewater. About 40 actors worked without pay for the first three "Comanche" episodes. "Definitely in Chicago right now, everyone's just really hungry for something to work on that's exciting," said Kern, who works as an actor and for a motion capture video game production company where his body movements are tracked and used in creating video games.

Ted Evans, 25, moved to Chicago in 2007 after college for its improv scene and was unemployed for three months. He commiserated with college friends and neighbors, and they began writing and starring in a Web series titled "Funemployed," in which the characters are loosely based on themselves. Story lines were inspired by exaggerated real life experiences, such as trying to grow a beard and having stuff stolen at a party.

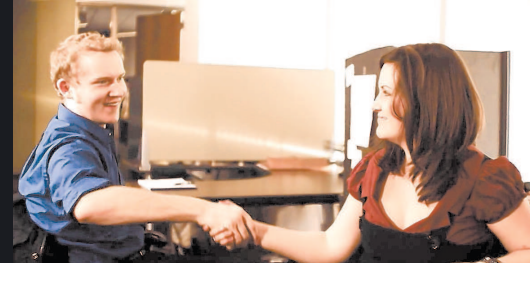
"The goal is to have fun and if it goes somewhere, it goes somewhere. And if not, we had a blast making a kick-ass show," said "Funemployed's" Michael Lippert, 25, a working assistant editor who lives in Buena Park.

"The exciting thing is the prospect of just being able to do this independently," he said. "There's a new generation of filmmakers who have this feeling of Hollywood; we don't need Hollywood as a crutch, we can do it ourselves."

Luckily the group was full of actors, a working editor and a filmmaker, with the right equipment and without the expectation of getting paid. It cost them about $200 per episode to pay for mainly food.

"In an ideal world, we'd be getting paid to do something creative, performing or creating something," said Alex Harris, 28, a grad student who lives in Lincoln Square. "For the most part, we're all passionate about art enough that if we end up being accountants, we'd still do plays on the weekend." LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM

SCENES FROM "FUNEMPLOYED"



Network TV Webisode

Not only do aspiring filmmakers and actors of Web series have to compete with talentless hacks on YouTube, they also grapple with talented casts and crews backed by networks. Here's a look at three online companion series of popular TV shows.

"SUBTLE SEXUALITY"
from NBC's "The Office."
The Webisodes, which started in October, star Kelly Kapoor (Mindy Kaling) and Erin Hannon (Ellie Kemper), who form a girl group called Subtle Sexuality. The trio of 2- to 3-minute-long episodes are about Kelly and Erin filming a video for their song "Male Prima Donna" about Ryan Howard (B.J. Novak), the temp Kelly dated.

"DEXTER: EARLY CUTS"
from Showtime's "Dexter."
The 12-part animated series that premiered in October profiles some of Dexter's victims. Dexter (Michael C. Hall) narrates the 1- to 2-minute episodes like he does on the dark TV drama, detailing secrets of his past and how he began collecting slides of his victims as trophies.

"SEATTLE GRACE: ON CALL"
from ABC's "Grey's Anatomy."
The documentary-style show, which debuted in November, features "Grey's" cast members, including interns Graciella (Gloria Garayua) and Ryan Spalding (Brandon Scott). The series of six episodes, each about 5 minutes long, takes place at Joe's Emerald City Bar, a hangout of "Grey's" doctors, and centers around hospital staff and their relationships. LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE

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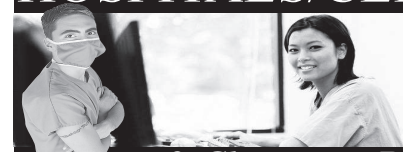

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Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan.19

Try not to propose to anyone this week. And avoid making plans to relocate across country with your lover. Mercury retrograde is urging you to slow things down. Test, evaluate and test again. Make sure this romance has staying power.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Crazy Jupiter is filling your head with wild ideas. You've decided you want to become an astronaut. You're going to launch your own online business selling homemade puppy sweaters. Talk things over with your significant other to stay grounded in reality.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20

You're wondering if you should try dating a completely different type. Uranus is inspiring you to think outside the box. If you go for conservative Republicans, try a crazy liberal for once. If muscle boys make you feel weak at the knees, date a skinny geek instead.

Aries
March 21-April 19

The sun has you fretting about your appearance. You've suddenly acquired thunder thighs or man boobs, and you wonder how this happened. Or you're discovering wrinkles that weren't there last week. Don't worry—you still have some remaining powers of attraction.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

Those holiday mood swings are hitting you hard, and it's not because you've been eating too many candy canes. Venus is reminding you that your romantic situation has room for improvement. Concoct a plan that will bring you true satisfication in 2010.

Gemini
May 21-June 21

Mercury, your planetary ruler, goes into retrograde this week. Expect some communication glitches. Your girlfriend might hear "I love you!" when you tell her "I like ya." Your boyfriend might assume that you want to raise six kids when you really meant six baby goats.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Even the best relationships have times when they seem to be headed into reverse. With Venus opposite your sign, that's exactly what's happening. You thought your guy wanted a commitment, but he really thinks you should be committed. Things will be better in three weeks.

Leo
July 23-Aug. 22

The winter solstice is putting you in major hibernation mode. You just want to snuggle up with your partner for several months and tune out the world. Unfortunately, you still have to do stuff like go to work, pay bills and walk your miniature schnauzer.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

As Mercury goes into retrograde, you could find yourself in a minor funk. You'll compare your achievements to your friends' accomplishments and find yourself coming up short. It's OK that you're not married with three kids yet. Really.

Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Three planets are making you extra flirty. You'll introduce yourself to a sexy stranger at a holiday party. You'll send suggestive photos to a new online friend. Meanwhile, you're still trying to sort out an on-again, off-again affair. The plot thickens.

Scorpio
Oct. 24-Nov. 21

You're pining for a lost love, even if he or she was an idiot. Get over it. The moon is increasing your tendency to turn into a sentimental fool at the holidays. Don't drunk-dial your ex just because her favorite Christmas special came on TV.

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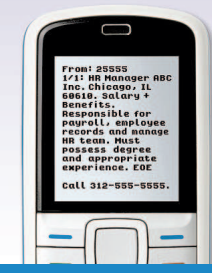
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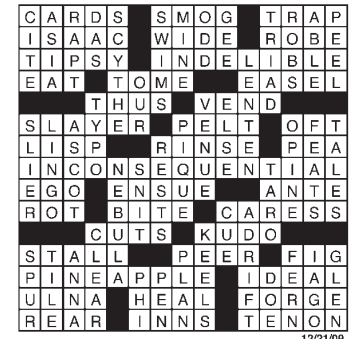

ACROSS

1 Ladder step
5 "Beat it!"
10 French mother
14 Region
15 Task
16 Treats a sprain
17 Crow calls
18 Clunker
20 Leprechaun
21 Small flute
22 Burn the midnight oil
23 Sun-dried brick
25 Mao _-tung
26 Poodle or pug
28 Citrus fruit
31 Encouraged
32 Lauren Bacall's love
34 Bring to a close
36 Leave suddenly
37 "Beauty and the Beast" role
38 Flower
39 Wind direction letters
40 Crowd
41 Scoundrel
42 Lacy trim
44 Layered
45 Primate
46 Island nation whose capital is Valletta
47 _ as a tack
50 Telegram
51 _ Beta Kappa
54 Wimp
57 "Star Trek II: The Wrath of _"
58 Sea eagle
59 Sleep _; to stop breathing
60 Pigsty sound
61 Have on
62 Strict
63 Unpleasant

DOWN

1 Track-and-field event
2 Russia's _ Mountains
3 Modern
4 Auto fuel
5 Official recorder of old
6 Make sore by rubbing
7 Learn by _; memorize
8 Monet's field
9 Ferrer or Blanc
10 Hand warmer
11 Beige shade
12 Peruse
13 Notice
19 Elementary school writing
21 _ of; liking
24 Try to lose
25 Pine or palm
26 Chicago team
27 Ascended
28 Flirtatious look
29 "National _"; magazine title
30 Come after
32 Glacier breakaway
33 Obsolete
35 Recolored
37 Skeletal part
38 Kilmer or Yeats
40 Need extra-large jeans
41 Infuriate
43 Hose support
44 Plaid design
46 Tightwad
47 Gush forth
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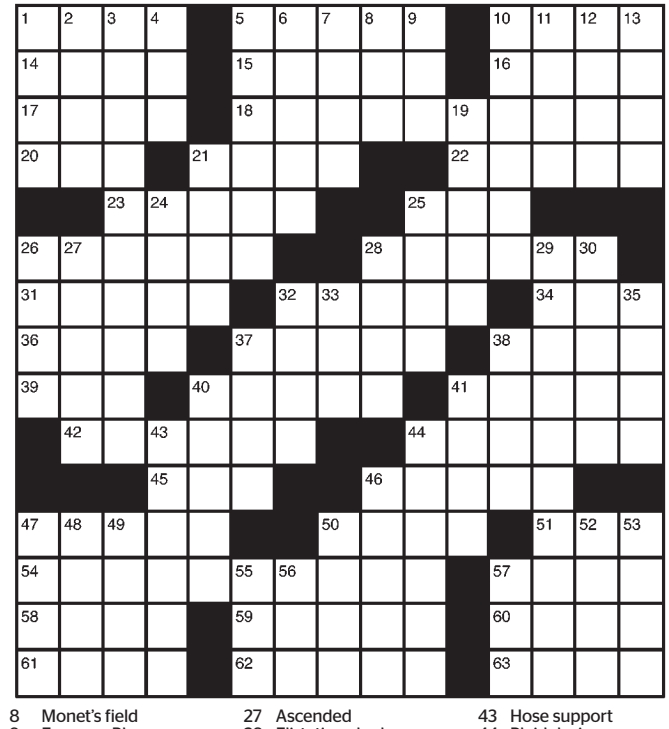

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Lady Gaga
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Going Gaga

Adopting a completely wacky image and personality in the name of fame, erm, art. See Gaga, Lady and Posse, Insane Clown.

Double-mandard

The apparent double-standard that allows people to yawn when Madonna and Britney play tonsil hockey on national television, but raise all hell when Adam Lambert (left) does the same thing with his keyboard player. **AP FILE PHOTO**

Getting Jacksoned

A major news event having its thunder stolen by an even huger news event. On any other day, Farrah Fawcett's death would have been the biggest story, but ...

BUZZED IN 2009

By Dana Moran
REDEYE

2009 was the year of the Octomom, sexting and the wise Latina woman.

The New York Times released its buzzwords of the year, including these and other gems such as Dracula Sneeze (covering the mouth with the crook of the elbow when sneezing, like Dracula hiding his face with a cape) and heinie (a pronunciation of H1N1). So naturally, we at RedEye had to come up with our own celebrity buzzwords:

SUMMIT

A Major Eclipse

Occurs when one celebrity story completely takes over the world, e.g., "Twilight" hysteria. It eventually subsides, but don't think we've seen the last of Pattinson-mania.

Over-tweet

Using social media to share way-personal feelings about serious situations, e.g., Courtney Love freaking out on Facebook about losing custody of her daughter, Chris Brown tweeting about Rihanna.

Love
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Singing housewife ready to wig out

liz in the loop

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MORE ONLINE

For more, check out Liz's blog at **thesebootsaremadeforstalking.com**.

Singer and "Real Housewives of Atlanta" star Kim Zolciak defied the advice she gives in her "Tardy For The Party" song by showing up late for her own party at Manor on Friday night.

The trouble-stirring housewife sat down with my intern Michael Majer for a one-on-one interview before she got her party on. Zolciak, who has starred in the Bravo hit show for two seasons, said she will return for the next season. "But not by choice," said Zolciak, who's under contract.

Like most reality-TV stars, Zolciak said she hopes to get her own spin-off show by next year. She said we shouldn't expect to see her mystery sugar daddy, Big Poppa, to whom she was briefly engaged, pop up again any time soon. They're still dunzo and the world will have to keep on guessing as to his true identity. She also made no secrets about which housewives are friends and which are foes.

"Kandi [Burruss] and I are very close, NeNe [Leakes] and I are fine, and the other two I could do without," Zolciak said. Zolciak said she's also working on more music, a book and a wig line.

Out with Kobe

Lakers star Kobe Bryant's broken finger didn't stop the baller from hitting up Gold Coast bars Monday night. Eyewitnesses spotted Bryant at Elate, The Whiskey and Gibsons. The injury may have prevented him from signing autographs for fans he encountered along his bar crawl, but it sure didn't stop him from playing a killer game against the Bulls on Tuesday night at the United Center.

SIGHTINGS

- Lakers player Pau Gasol shopped at Saks Fifth Avenue on Monday
- "Bachelorette" star Jillian Harris stopped by a Make-A-Wish benefit at Underground on Thursday
- Barry Manilow was spotted shopping at Woodfield Mall on Friday afternoon and then later that night dining at the Capital Grille in Rosemont
- Bulls players Tyrus Thomas and Luol Deng celebrated Bulls assistant Halleemah Nash's birthday Friday night
- Rod Blagojevich dined at Joe's Stone Crab on Friday.

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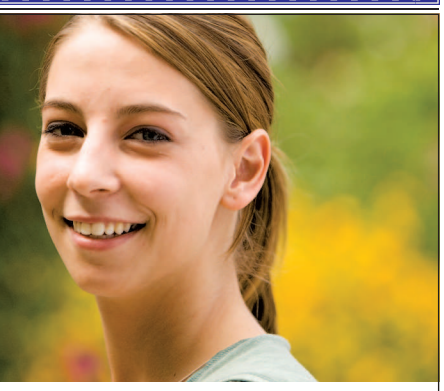

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U2 tops

U2's 360-degree stage configuration looks to be paying off. According to Billboard numbers, the Irish band is reported to have sold 3 million tickets this year, making it the top touring band, with Madonna coming in second at 2.1 million tickets sold. With 50 stadium shows planned for next year, Bono and the boys are on pace to surpass $600 million in total sales. That would make their 360 degree tour the highest-grossing one ever.

Tila Tequila
GETTY IMAGES

A very Tequila Christmas

Tila Tequila has some more big news for her fans, whomever they may be. After proclaiming her engagement to heiress Casey Johnson on Dec. 9, the MTV reality star tweeted her latest "big announcement" Sunday: "I am going to become a SURROGATE MOTHER for my brother and his Wife!! ... That is my xmas present to them," she writes. "I'm pregnant!!!"

Kevin Jonas
AP FILE

KEVIN JONAS OFF THE MARKET

The eldest member of the Jonas Brothers married his longtime love, Danielle Deleasa, on Saturday at snow-covered Oheka Castle in New York's Long Island. The former hairdresser from New Jersey donned a Vera Wang gown for the ceremony at the French chateau-themed space, **people.com** reported. Joe and Nick served as best men for their big bro, Kevin, 22.

$232 million

That's the amount "Avatar" is estimated to have collected worldwide over the weekend, a record for a non-sequel film.

We're already laughing

Kate Gosselin, who officially is divorced from Jon, appeared last week on "The Jay Leno Show," a clear sign that her fame is tanking. But don't worry; she's got a plan. When asked what reality show she'd like to appear on, she replied: "'Dancing with the Stars' because I cannot dance. I want to laugh at myself."

Keeping our borders safe

Watch out, America. Kevin Federline is about to skyrocket to new levels of fame. The former Mr. Spears is fresh off "Celebrity Fit Club," which can only mean one thing: It's time to appear in "American Pie Presents: The Book of Love," available direct-to-DVD on Tuesday. Federline pops up as a border guard.

Take that, Teresa

Bethenny Frankel keeps it real. "The Real Housewives of New York City" star released an unretouched photo of herself from a PETA campaign in response to criticism that she is heavily airbrushed. Some of the criticism came from Teresa Giudice, one of "The Real Housewives of New Jersey," who said that she "threw up a little in my mouth" after seeing the ad. For the record, a bit of fixing up appears to have been done, but there are no major flaws on Ms. Frankel.